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# *In Retrospect*

**T**HIS is the year 1943, the year  
of gas and food rationing . .  
a year of mingled uncertainty and  
hope . . a year of more sober think-  
ing, and yet with it all, of fun and  
hard work in the spirit of Bluffton  
College.

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*Sept. 14th*



*About the time the Marines were landing in the Solomons . . . we landed in Bluffton with ration books, last year's clothes, and a resolution to turn over a new leaf and learn something of importance.*

# *Those First Days*

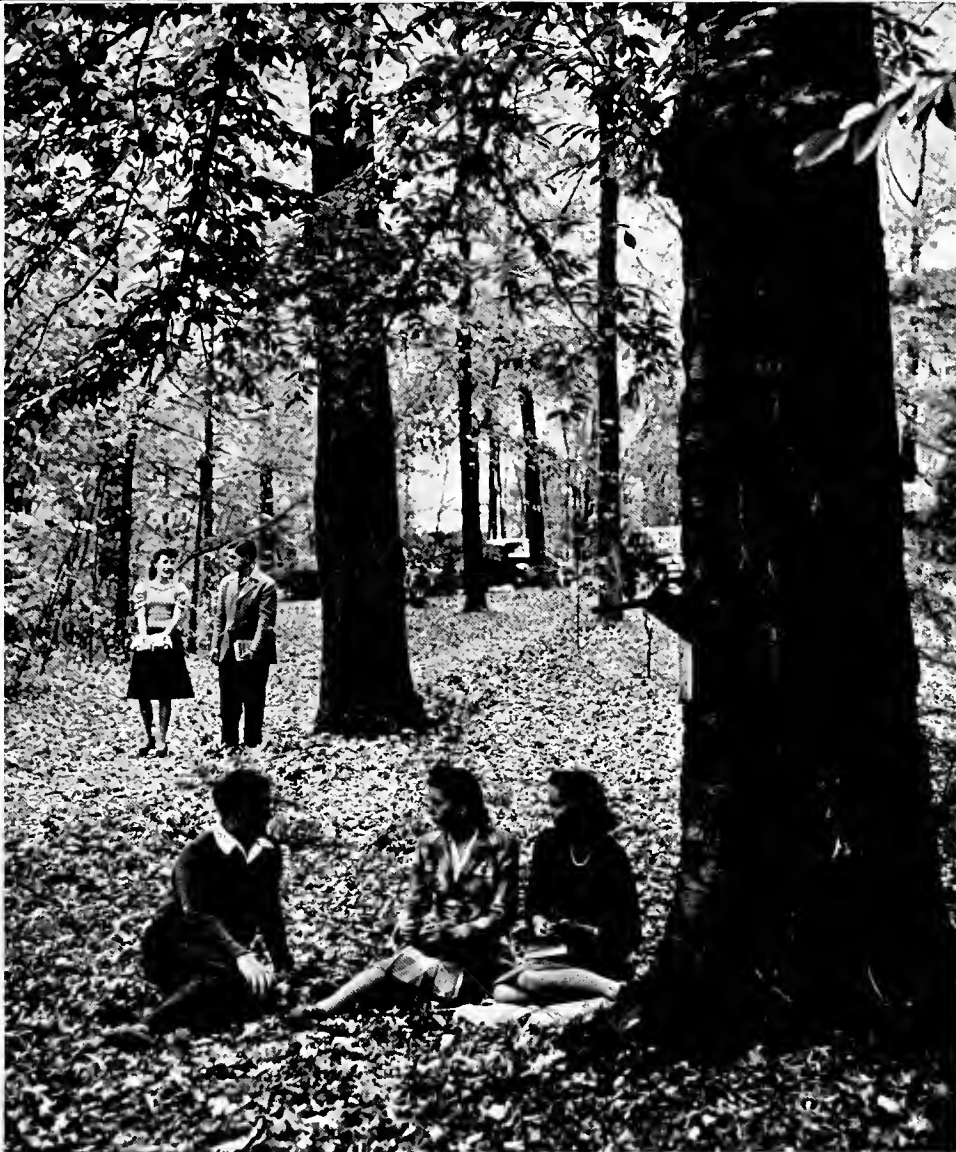
TRUNKS, junk, and Freshmen were everywhere when upper classmen greeted each other after the summer vacation . . . Confusion reigned in the dorms as roommates tried to settle overflowing belongings in one small room . . . The dining hall buzzed with excited conversation . . . school had begun once more.

*The 1943 Ista, published by the Junior Class of Bluffton College, tells the story of an unusual and eventful year in the history of the school.*





. . . Back to all the things that go with Bluffton College . . . eight-thirty classes and Saturday night parties, term papers and football games, chapel lectures and formal banquets. All these were part of the year . . . Students gathered in groups on the campus to discuss their mutual problems . . . Krehbiel Bridge and the Cinder Paths saw many a contented couple strolling slowly along. . . .



Old and new students frequented familiar spots . . . organizations began the year's activities. . . . There was music in the air as Ropp Hallites heard their first autumn serenade . . . Indian Summer passed . . . students hurried to and fro among the falling leaves, some eager for fun, others intent on more serious pursuits. . . . Classes were organized and conflicts straightened out . . . students settled down to work in earnest.



*L. L. Ramseyer,  
President*

President Ramseyer began his series of talks from the chapel rostrum. . . .

*J. S. Schultz,  
Dean*

Dean Schultz met in conference with students. . . .





## *Serious study began a busy year for all*

The library . . . scene of serious study and last minute cramming . . . perennial dating bureau for the not so studious . . . even a reception hall at times . . . here the A-wanglers had their chance at the midwinter apple-polish. . . . Students settled down to gleaning knowledge from time-worn reference books. . . . Librarians patiently searched for material on every subject from archeology to etymology. . . . Overdue books and library fines brought many a groan from forgetful students. . . .



*Miss Brenneman started teaching literature and Stauffer dramatics*



Lit and more lit . . . earnest students pursued Shakespeare and Chaucer with a vengeance. . . . Iambic pentameters and dactylic hexameters threatened unwary sophomores. . . . Would-be English teachers studied the English language with lofty plans of injecting a little grammar into reluctant high school brains. . . . Even dolls and children were engrossed in learning poetry.

Speech! . . . Timid freshmen scared about extempore speaking . . . play director fuming over unlearned lines and missing cues . . . printing deadlines barely met . . . plenty of headaches for the director of dramatics and student publications.

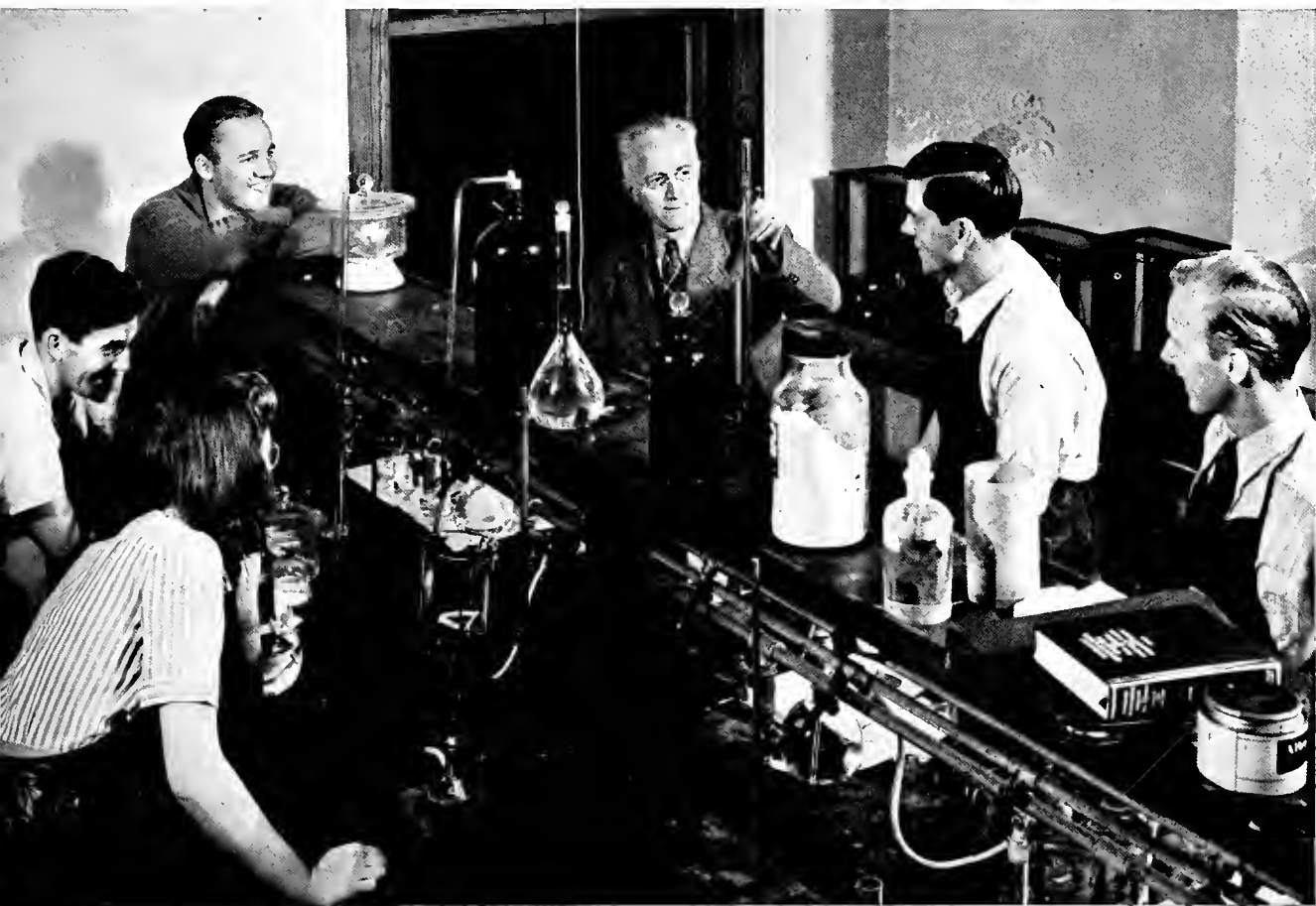


*P. W. Stauffer*



## *Prof. H. W. Berky proved the facts to lab students*

Just another chemistry lab . . . but oh what a lot of fun, along with the work. . . . Busy students boiled and filtered, calculated and weighed, trying to get at the content of things . . . beakers and flasks, Bunsen burners and wash bottles were very much in evidence; so were rubber aprons, indispensable protection in freshman water fights. . . . And so they learned, in spite of distractions.





*Misses Moyer and Amstutz enjoyed Latin and French*



. . . Racine and Moliere,  
Plautus and Vergil . . .  
even Latin and French  
were funny at times.

## *Business and Biology*

The business end of things and the ins and outs of registration . . . Polite notes issued from the office to remind us of our neglected obligations. . . .

*Ray Hilty*

*Della Krabill*

Amateur botanists thought they knew all about plants . . . then came the test and with it the rude awakening . . . result—renewed interest in botany lectures.

*Miss M'Della Moon*





Fishing in the middle of the street . . . how silly when there weren't any fish. . . . But that wasn't the worst of the initiation. . . . Bewildered frosh took orders from domineering sophs; upper-classmen looked on, recalling their own first days. . . . But the freshmen survived somehow. . . .



*Professors take time out for relaxation and*



*O. Holtkamp and S. Hauenstein*

*P. B. Mann and H. Brate*

*J. Pannabecker*

Woodwind, string, and brass . . . instrumental and organ music were part of the music program. . . . Professors worked long and hard to turn out good musicians.

More music . . . how and how not to play the piano . . . when to sing and when to keep quiet. . . . These were some of the perplexing musical problems. . . . Frantic seniors prepared for spring recitals . . . pianos hummed with practice.

Dean of Men and research writer. . . . Controlling high Lincoln Hall spirits was a difficult job, but successfully undertaken by our versatile Bible teacher.

*for enjoyment in their own fields*



*J. P. Klassen*



*E. Ramseyer*



*J. W. Bauman*

Sculpture, painting, sketching . . . the art studio was the scene of much activity as amateur artists tried their skill. . . . Out of the conglomeration of easels, paints, and brushes came some very remarkable products.

Housewives and home economics teachers got their preparation here. . . . Scorched steaks and delicious pies, delectable triumphs and flat failures . . . all were produced by ambitious cooks. . . . Successes increased as students developed professional skill . . . all turned out to be masters of domestic art.

From A to Z in sociology . . . field trips even took students to the county jail (from which the group returned intact). . . . Hard-working freshmen slaved long hours over contemporary civilization . . . so did the teacher when he tried to grade their blue-books.

*Class discussions were informal and interesting*



*N. E. Byers*  
*Philosophy*



*C. H. Smith*  
*History*

All about philosophy, their own and other people's . . . that's what students wanted to know . . . sleepy underclassmen absorbed the psychology of dreams and day dreams. . . .

World events—current problems, past history . . . students sought to keep themselves informed.



*with appreciation of old masters in music or lectures on the Bible*

*R. A. Lantz  
Music*



*A. C. Schultz  
Bible*



Music appreciation, sight-singing and ear training, harmony and counter-point . . . music students seem a sober lot. . . .

The Bible and its meaning. . . . Though the class was very interesting, even future preachers seemed to go to sleep.



Back row—Evelyn Johnson, Hildred Eversole, Lyle Sommers, Herbert Fretz, Harold Thiessen, Robert Simcox, Norman Beidler, Marvin Wasser, Paul Sauder, Wilma Mumma, Ellen Clark.  
Front row—Eleanor Keeney, Grace Adams, Lucia Grieser, Adelaide McGinnis, Lois Sommer, Wanda Suter, Grace Geisinger, Betty Steinman.

In this, the twenty-ninth year of its existence on the Bluffton Campus, the Witmarsum has sought to fulfill its duties to students, faculty, alumni, and constituency by relaying them information through its less frequent editions. The main purpose of this monthly organ of the college has been to carry current campus, national and international news to its readers. Through its editorial columns it has sought to uphold the ideals purported by the liberal arts college, and more specifically to support students' loyalty to Bluffton College. The staff, headed by the editor-in-chief, is divided into the editorial and reportorial staffs. The editorial staff is composed of the managing editor, in charge of general coverage; the proof editor, and the humor editor. In addition, permanent writers contribute columns for the music department, the library, campus society, the humanities, and contemporary happenings. There is an opportunity for activity in the varied fields of journalism for those showing talent in straight news or feature writing. No previous experience is required for admission to the staff, though rigid rules must be observed to maintain a permanent position on the staff.

### *The Editorial Staff*

## *The Witmarsum, Student Publication of Bluffton College*

### *The Business Staff*

Without this important division of the Witmarsum the paper would never come off press. The Business Staff not only makes sure that sufficient advertising is available for the monthly publication of the newspaper, but also provides for certain functions beyond the actual printing of the paper. The Business Staff is divided into two divisions, the advertising group and the circulation group. The latter attends to the handling and mailing of the paper to numerous alumni, faculty, high schools, colleges, and to those interested in the activities of the college as well as the distribution of the paper to local advertisers.

Back row—Evan Suter, Ernst Harder, Glen Graber, Watson Skinner.  
Front row—James Fett, Lyle Messner, Robert Blough, William Keeney, Arthur Thiessen.





*Ellwyn Hartzler*  
*Editor in Chief*

This year, more than ever before, it took much cooperation from staffs, students, and the faculty to make the '43 Ista possible. I wish to thank the students and faculty for such fine consideration.

To the Business Staff headed by "Simmie" and "Zuider" I extend my congratulations for a fine job of making financial ends meet.

To my very capable staff of Holly Mosiman, Ellis Guthrie, Eleanor Berky, and Herb Klassen I wish to express my sincere thanks for a splendid job of copy writing and photography. (Herb was not here for the picture.)

May all our friends enjoy the '43 Ista as much as we who spent many interesting hours publishing it.

*The Editorial and Business Staffs*

Robert Kumata, Holly Mosiman, Earl Lehman.



*Robert Simcox*  
*Bus. Manager*

In spite of great handicaps, the Business Staff has successfully met the unusual war-time problems involved in publishing the 1943 *Ista*.

We wish to thank Ruth Zuiderhoek for so ably completing the work when our business manager left for the service, Earl Lehman for his assistance in selling ads, and Bo's Kumata and Ellen Clark for drawing them up.

Without the Business Staff the *Ista* could never be published, and we wish to extend our thanks to the entire staff for making this book possible.

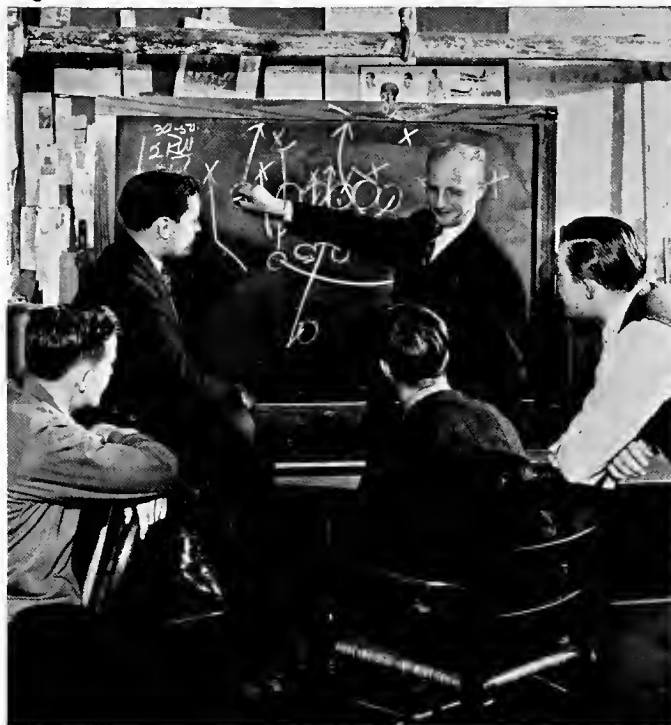


*of The Nineteen Forty-three Ista*

Ellen Clark, Ellis Guthrie, Mary J. Mayberry, Ruth Zuiderhoek, Eleanor Berkley.



*Coach A. C. Burcky uses spare minutes effectively*



. . . No, the coach isn't playing jacks with the boys . . . it's just another skull session. . . Coach spent long hours and many a gray hair with budding football players, trying to teach them fundamentals of the sport. . . Those plays look wonderful on a blackboard . . . too bad we had opponents to spoil them on the field.

## *Mary Alice Howe reigns as Homecoming Queen*



Mary Alice Howe, popular Student Council president, was elected to reign as Homecoming Queen. A Bluffton girl, Mary has been an enthusiastic member of many campus organizations. Besides her position on the Student Council, she fulfilled the responsibilities of Women's Varsity "B" president and Y. W. C. A. program chairman.

## *A good backfield and line are important in football*



Lysle Sommers, Floyd Hugus, Richard Wenger, Norman Beidler.

September . . . football . . . low on manpower but high on spirit. Games: Mount Union 39-0, five greenies play; Kenyon 12-6, Hugus to Wenger pays dividends; Capital 41-0, Homecoming; Findlay 25-0, hard battle all the way . . . Capt. Hugus and No. 50 make first down with four tries; Northern 62-6, first quarter a sizzler . . . injuries . . . a relapse . . . rally in last quarter . . . Keeney's and Sommer's blocking lead to touchdown; Grand Rapids 53-0, long trip; Defiance 20-12, Fretz plays despite broken hand . . . Beidler good for 12 points . . . no wins but lots of good clean fun.

H. Baumgartner, O. Elmer, M. Shelly, R. Simecox, P. Soldner, H. Fretz, R. Kerr.





## *The football squad and enthusiastic cheerleaders*

Plenty of pep and lots of "cheer". That sums up our cheerleaders, Treva Arrants, Lila Moon, and James Fett. These three performed the difficult task of sustaining school spirit in spite of many defeats. Their loyal support and enthusiastic leadership of the cheering section did much to uphold the morale of the teams.



Lila Moon, James Fett, Treva Arrants.

Back row—J. Molcaux, H. Klassen, F. Soldner, R. Simcox, B. Grnbaugh, N. Beidler, P. Klassen, D. Hofstetter, Coach Burcky.  
2nd row—A. Spiegel, W. Boorse, E. Guthrie, O. Elmer, E. Harde, H. Baumgartner, W. Keeney, W. Skinner, M. Shelly, H. Klay.  
Front row—P. Martin, F. Hugus, R. Wenger, R. Kerr, H. Fretz, L. Sommers, P. Soldner.



## *The Basketball Squad of 1942-43*



Coach Burcky, Lysle Sommers, Watson Skinner, Bob Simcox, Bob Kerr, Ellis Guthrie, Bob Blough.

Paul Klassen, Howard Baumgartner, Beryl Grubaugh, Norman Beidler, Ellwyn Hartzler.

The '42-'43 basketball season began with three lettermen returning from the previous season but two left before many games were played—Robert Heiks and Richard Wenger. The remaining squad was largely composed of freshmen who were lacking in experience but made up for it with their spirit.

Highlights: Bowling Green took the initial game by a fair score of 57-32 . . . the Beavers held their own against great odds. Cedarville invaded the home floor and carried off the long end of a close contest, 59 to 54; the closest game of the season for the Burckymen. Our center, Beryl Grubaugh, returned and gave us some added height. Then after mid-year vacation Wilberforce took command of a fast-moving contest to capture it 70-62; Heiks and Baumgartner scored 18 points. Kenyon proved to be one of the more evenly matched opponents although they triumphed 54 to 44. The Beavers showed their best rally of the year coming from 34-17 to 41-40. The 71-49 loss to Findlay was the curtain for the season; Beidler did a remarkable job of individual scoring, getting 21 points.

## The Varsity "B" Clubs

### Men's

Back row—Earl Lehman, Bill Boorse, Bill Keeney, Maynard Shelly, Paul Klassen, Art Keiser, Norman Beidler, Bob Simcox, Beryl Grubaugh, Eugene Kohli, Howard Baumgartner, Lysle Sommers, Ellwyn Hartzler.  
Front row—Bob Kerr, Ellis Guthrie, Herb Fretz, Coach Burcky, Herb Traucht, Otto Elmer, Fred Soldner.



### Women's

Back row—Trella Bosserman, Jean Yoder, Vivian Zeurcher, Evelyn Moyer, Lettie A. Landis, Carolyn Mayer, Ruby L. Strusaker.  
2nd row—Celia Amstutz, Eleanor Berky, Helen Arters, Vera Esch, Mary Ramsyer, F. Beckenhach, Esther Habegger, Ruth Neuenschwander, Ruth Schertz, Mary J. Mayberry, Nancy Mayberry, Ruth Zuiderhoek, Helen Habegger, Phyl Bachman, Martha Snyder, Wilma Mumma, Pearl Sommers.  
Front row—Lois Sommer, Wanda Suter, Eleanor Weaver, Mary Howe, Della Krebill, Evelyn Johnson, Grace Adams, Grace Geissinger.



The Men's Varsity "B" commands respect as a distinctive part of campus life since its membership is composed solely of men who have participated regularly in intercollegiate athletic activities. In its meetings the Varsity "B" seeks to further the best in athletic knowledge and discussion. It also plays an integral part in the school's intramural program, providing basketball, volleyball, and softball for the students. In addition it promotes Homecoming Day in the fall and an annual breakfast at the close of the year with the old club members. The motto of the club, "A Gentleman first, an athlete afterwards", typifies the true spirit of "The Beavers".

The aim of the Women's Varsity "B" is to provide organized physical activity for all the women on the campus. Seasonal intramural competition is sponsored throughout the year. A table tennis tournament is also conducted. At the weekly meetings varied activities such as hiking, biking, relays, folk games, volleyball, basketball and badminton are provided for members.

## *Candid Shots*



## *Triumphant "Backslappers"*

## *The 1942 Calendar*

### SEPTEMBER

- 14 School begins, hurrah! "Y" sing on baseball diamond.
- 15 Registration of old students.
- 16 Freshmen register. Mrs. Burcky entertains girls at tea at her home.
- 17 Classes begin and so do worries.
- 18 Annual "mixer" in the "barn".
- 19 Becky leads first all-college party.
- 23 Boys serenaded Ropp Hallites.
- 24 Rev. Bigelow speaks at joint Gospel Team meeting at cabin.
- 27 D. W. Bixler speaks in College Church of Mr. Bentley's contribution to B. C.
- 28 Men's Varsity "B" initiates new members.
- 29 Homecoming Queen elected. Co-op opens in Lincoln Hall.

### OCTOBER

- 2 Girls' intramurals organized.
- 3 Kenyon beats Beavers 12-6.
- 4 Y. M. cabinet retreat. Dean Schultz's entertain seniors.
- 7 Mr. M. C. Lehman speaks in chapel.
- 10 Homecoming Queen, Mary Howe, crowned. Capitol overcomes Bluffton eleven.
- 11 Choir sings at first Vesper Service.
- 13 Choral Society rehearses. Sykora Trio pre-

sents first of concert series.

- 16 Findlay turns on steam last half to conquer fighting Beavers.
- 17 Tommy and Hester chaperon Freshman-Sophomore hay ride.
- 19 Girls return serenade music.
- 20 Student area Y. M. secretary on campus.
- 23 Northern downs Burckymen after good first half.
- 24 Treasure Hunt in the "barn" after being rained out for three weeks.
- 27 Meeting of majors to organize.
- 28 Mary Howe back after illness. Everyone and Tommy very happy!
- 30 Opera given at Lima Civic Concert.
- 31 Masquerade party in haunted house.

### NOVEMBER

- 3 Fall Cleanup. How clean and lovely.
- 5 Dr. Bauman speaks in chapel and Peace club on Peace and Reconstruction work.
- 6 Blough elected to Student Council.
- 7 Annual Sadie Hawkins party. Girls get the man they desire.
- 8-13 Bible Lectures with Dr. Adams as speaker. Very well attended.
- 16 First student recital of music department.
- 17 Seniors FINALLY got away after the Jun-



## *Memoirs*

## *"Scrub-day"*

### *The 1942 Calendar*

iors stopped them once.

19 Herb Fretz breaks up serenade. Ask Herb how he does it.

20 Mr. Loganbill passed away. Faculty, students, and friends mourn the loss of a sincere Christian.

21 Burkhalter and Lehman visit Junior Class lassies.

22 Funeral services for Mr. J. H. Loganbill at the First Mennonite church. Vesper Choir sings at services.

24 Larry Burkhalter and String Quartet give chapel program. H. W. Berky gives tribute to Mr. Loganbill.

26 Thanksgiving Day and vacation for all.

27 College Nurse, Mrs. Bigelow, speaks in chapel.

#### DECEMBER

2 Shig leaves us. Sorry to see him go.

3 Home Ec. girls are hostesses to fellows at rabbit and pheasant dinner.

4 Bayard Rustin speaks in chapel. Farewell party for Martin and Klassen in Lincoln Hall lobby.

5 Ice-skating party with cheese toasties and cocoa at Lora Schultz's.

7 Stevens Marionettes dramatize Nativity.

8 Grubaugh returns to school after sickness.

9 Bluffton quintet victims of Northern five.

12 Christmas party in Ropp Hall lobby.

13 Many students hear E. Stanley Jones in Lima.

14 Cedarville ekes out victory, 59-54.

15 Ista subscription drive.

16 "Radio broadcast" of Dickens' Christmas Carol given by the two "Y's".

20 Messiah presented in high school to fine audience.

22 Christmas Banquet with one-act plays by the Thespians. Caroling after plays.

23 Christmas Vacation begins at 4:00 P. M.

#### JANUARY

5 Vacation ends at 8:00 A. M. Classes resume where they left off.

8 Wilberforce courtmen defeat Bluffton five on our home court, 70 to 67.

10 Rev. Hamblen speaks in College Church. The baby entertains certain girls.

12 Organization pictures taken for '43 Ista.

13 Basketball team at Defiance. 'Nuff said.

15 Dr. Schultz "explains" the activity program.

16 Darrel Yoder and Bill Snyder visit the campus.

18-29 Last classes of the semester.

20-23 Semester exams, Woe is me.

## *The Student Council*



Robert Blough, Royal Thomas,  
Ellis Guthrie, Ernst Harder,

Lois Sommer, Mary Howe, Mar-  
garet Shelly, Wanda Suter.

Problems of activity regulation, student discipline, and general student administration relations are dealt with by the Student Council. Nine members in this governing body represent the four classes. Dr. J. S. Schultz serves as faculty advisor to the group. Weekly meetings are supplemented by a minimum of three meetings a year with the Advisory Cabinet.

## *The Advisory Cabinet*

Bob Blough, Herb Fretz, Mary  
Howe, Earl Lehman.

Lucia Grieser, Frances Beeken-  
bach, Magdalene Oyer, Ruth  
Burkhard.



Though blessed with very little administrative authority or power, the Advisory Cabinet nevertheless plays an important part in just the capacity its name signifies. Made up of the heads of all major organizations on the campus, it represents the opinions of each of them. Attending in a body the major meetings of the Student Council, it assists in the presentation and formulation of new plans. It coordinates council decisions with the needs of the respective organization, and advises the council on matters pertaining to the year's activity schedule. This year its most important duty was to aid in the establishment of the new student constitution and organization plan of the Student Council Commission.



## *Domestic problems are solved by these clubs*



### *House Council*

Herb Fretz, Ellis Guthrie, Reverend Pannabecker, Lyle Messner, Ellwyn Hartzler, Bob Blough, Griselda Gehman, Ruth Neuenschwander, Miss Ramseyer, Ruth Burkhard, Lois Sommer.



### *Home Ec. Club*

Back row—Evelyn Moyer, Carolyn Moyer, Lettie Ann Landis, LaVonne Hostetter, Esther Mae Geigley.

2nd row—Vivian Zuercher, Mary Locher, Frances Beckenbach, Phyllis Bachman, Lois Sommer, Annaruth Mullet, Esther Habegger, Ruby Lee Strusaker, Celia Amstutz.

Front row—Trella Bosserman, Helen Habegger, Ruth Neuenschwander, Miss Ramseyer, Grace Adams, Nancy Mayberry, Martha Snyder.

Chosen by the students of Ropp Hall and Lincoln Hall, the House Councils are the governing bodies of these dormitories which provide a college home for women and men students respectively. It is the duty of these councils to discuss student problems in an effort to promote harmonious and beneficial group living. Separate council meetings are held regularly in cooperation with Miss Edna Ramseyer, Dean of Women and Rev. Floyd Pannabecker, Dean of Men. Formal banquets at Thanksgiving and Christmas and Open House nights are special events which serve to acquaint faculty members, town students and friends with the dormitories.

The Home Economics Club this year met once a month. A few of our objectives are to develop genuine teamwork and promote friendship among its members; to encourage creative arts and activities which will help develop character; to provide social, business, and professional experiences through the various aspects of club life; and to cooperate with other local clubs and with state and national groups. Some of our outstanding events of the year are the initiation meeting, a rustic picnic at Fox Hill, Christmas wrapping, making and selling candy, demonstrations, Fashion Show in the spring, and the spring retreat at the college cabin.



*We pause in loving remembrance*



*Professor J. H. Loganbill*

We pause here to pay tribute to one who left us in mid-year. Prof. Loganbill, our Business Manager and Dean of Men, was a true friend of every Blufftonite, and we sincerely mourn his passing. Never too busy to do three times his share of work on campus projects, Mr. Loganbill was always ready to lend a friendly helping hand to those who needed it. In the hearts of all those who knew him, Mr. Loganbill held a place which can never again be filled.



Back row—Lyle Messner, Robert Neuenschwander, Norman Beidler, Marvin Wasser, Howard Baumgartner, Glen Graber, Eugene Kohli, Herbert Oyer, Royal Thomas, Fred Soldner, Robert Simcox, Harold Thiessen, David Rosenberger, Herbert Fretz, Arthur Thiessen, Lysle Sommers, David Weaver.  
 3rd row—Ellwyn Hartzler, Edmund Zehr, James Fett, Merlin Zuercher, George Bohrer, Lora Schultz, Wilma Mumma, Ruth Schertz, Hildred Everssole, Lois Sommer, Gertrude Detwiler, Vera Esch, Phyllis Bachman, Daniel Hofstetter, Stanley Hostetter, Floyd Hugus, William Boorse, Earl Lehman.  
 2nd row—Viola Amstutz, Sara Moyer, Pearl Sommer, Mary K. Ramseyer, Grace Adams, Margaret Shelly, Ruth Neuenschwander, Freda Yoder, Bettye Lewis, Ruth Zuiderhoek, Gwendelyn Bidwell, Iona Gerber, Magdalene Oyer, Esther Habegger, Betty Steinman, Ruth Burkhard, Helen Habegger, Celia Amstutz.  
 Front row—Donna Hartzler, Margery Niswander, Holly Mosiman, Wanda Suter, Helen Arters, Esther M. Geigley, Trella Bosserman, Dorothy Beckenbach, Mary Locher, Jean Yoder, Treva Arrants, Frances Beckenbach, Willadene Hartzler, Eleanor Weaver, Lila Moon, Martha Thompson.

## *The Vesper Choir*

*Music cleanses the understanding, inspires it, and lifts it into a realm which it would not reach if it were left to itself.*

BEECHER

The sixty young voices representing a cross section of the Bluffton College student body have established a place for the Vesper Choir among the fine choral organizations of the state. The inspirational quality of their singing is outstanding and the sacred concerts of the choir are truly a "ministry of music" and a great uplift to their hearers. Included in the choir program were productions of the great choral masters, as well as interpretations of modern Russian and American writers. Besides singing at the monthly Vespers services, the choir, under the direction of Prof. Russell A. Lantz, has given concerts in many of the high schools and churches in neighboring communities.

*Music is a kind of inarticulate unfathomable speech, which leads us to the edge of the infinite, and lets us for moments to gaze into that.*

CARLYLE

The Senior Orchestra under the able direction of Professor Hauenstein has outlined for itself largely a program of enjoyment and relaxation. Being greatly limited by a smaller personnel this year, it has not reached the finesse of other years, but enthusiasm has been encouraging. Beethoven's First Symphony, Haydn's Second Symphony, Saint Saen's Suite Algerienne, Massenet's Overture to Phedre, and Macdowell's Woodland Sketches have constituted the primary projects. A final concert is the important public appearance for the organization, though members of the group have appeared on numerous occasions as small ensembles.

## *The College Orchestra*

Back row—Treva Arrants, Carolyn Moyer, David Rosenberger, Evelyn Moyer, Robert Marshall, Daniel Hofstetter, Norman Beidler, Prof. Hauenstein, Merlin Zeurcher, Betty Steinman.  
Front row—Harold Thiessen—Mary Howe, Wanda Suter, William Boorse, Miss Amstutz, Arthur Thiessen.



## *Young Women's Christian Association*



Lucia Grieser, Mary Howe, Phyllis Bachman, Mabel Hill, Lois Sommer, Nancy Mayberry, Ruth Burkhard, Treva Arrants, Wilma Mumma, Magdalene Oyer, Mrs. A. C. Burcky, Ruth Neuenchwander, Frances Beckenbach.



Ellwyn Hartzler, Herb Fretz, Fred Soldner, Donald Hester, Evan Suter, William Boorse, Robert Blough, Royal Thomas, Professor Byers, Ellis Guthrie, William Keeney.

## *Young Men's Christian Association*

## *Y. W. C. A.*

The Y. W. C. A. this year was one of the largest organizations on the campus. This group shows continual growth and endeavors to contribute to the mental, spiritual, and social life of every member through its varied program. The differences found in this organization only serve to make more rich and valuable the fellowship which comes from working toward the common goal of realizing this purpose. Because the Y. W. is aware of its responsibility in the present international conflict, the girls devoted much of their time the past year to Red Cross sewing. Another project undertaken together with the cooperation of the Y. M. C. A. was the World Student Service Fund drive. Through these two media especially, the members were given an opportunity to do something worthwhile to relieve suffering and want in many parts of the world. The year's activities centered around our own local purpose: "To serve the present age." In attempting to carry out this purpose in respect to the individual, the campus, the community, the nation, and the world, the girls were constantly inspired by the fact that they were a vital part of a world-wide organization of young women devoted to the all-important Christian ideals of truth and service.

## *Y. M. C. A.*

Despite terrific handicaps the Y. M. C. A. has had a fairly successful year. At their annual Fall Retreat the cabinet initiated plans for the recreation room, which, with the aid of several of the other organizations has come to be a reality. In November we tried with considerable success a novel method of raising money; a box social with boxes furnished by the boys and bidding by the girls. This helped to build up our treasury which is always a problem. The world situation today has contributed to the small size of our Y. M. for during the first semester several of our boys had to leave either for the military or civilian service. Yet, even though their work has taken them to other fields, we feel that they will remember their connection with the Y. M. and that they have received some benefit from being members of this group. It is our hope and belief that after this world holocaust has burned itself out the Y. M. C. A. as a local, as well as a national organization, will come back stronger than ever to take its rightful place in the life of our people.

## *Girls' Gospel Team*



Donna Hartzler, Eleanor Weaver,  
Esther Habegger, Wilma Mumma,  
Iona Gerber, Eula Locher, Griselda  
Gehman.

Viola Amstutz, Helen Habegger,  
Mrs. Pannabecker, Margaret  
Shelly, Annaruth Mullet.



Maynard Shelly, Edmund Zehr,  
Ernst Harder, Glen Graber, Ben  
Rider, Arthur Keiser, Ellwyn  
Hartzler, Stanley Hostetter.

James Rinner, Arthur Thiessen,  
Herb Fretz, Reverend Panna-  
becker, Ellis Guthrie, Harold  
Thiessen, Lyle Messner.

## *Men's Gospel Team*

## *Girls' Gospel Team*

The Girls' Gospel Team met each week for the purpose of discussing religious topics and problems vital to spiritual development. In an effort to do their part in helping the victims of this world crisis, members devoted considerable time to sewing for the Mennonite Central Committee. The work of the deputation group was seriously limited this year because of inadequate transportation facilities. However, services were held in many neighboring churches, and a week-end trip was undertaken. The Quartette was composed of Viola Amstutz, Iona Gerber, Eleanor Weaver, and Helen Habegger. Using the money received through the various services the group again helped provide copies of the devotional booklet "The Upper Room" for all college students, and assisted in meeting the expenses of a foreign refugee student.

## *Men's Gospel Team*

The Men's Gospel Team has definitely sought to serve the Christian spiritual needs of the campus. In its Thursday night meetings during the past year the members have received much inspiration from student discussions and outside speakers. Besides its regular meetings, they have also sponsored meditation periods and noon devotions for all students. In addition it has given a ministerial scholarship and with other campus organizations contributed to the student refugee fund and the devotional booklets for students and faculty. A deputation quartet was again active in the local community and in Indiana churches. The quartet consisted of Edmund Zehr, Ellwyn Hartzler, Stanley Hostetter, and Ben Rider. Herbert Fretz, Stanley Hostetter, and Arthur Keiser were the speakers.

## *Drama and Recreation afforded*



### *The Thespians*

Back row—Stan Hostetter, Maynard Shelly, Ernst Harder, Paul Sauder, Bob Blough.

2nd row—Ellis Guthrie, Howard Baumgartner, LaVonne Hostetter, Donna Diegel, Freda Yoder, Gwen Bidwell, Eleanor Keeney, James Fett, Bob Simcox, David Rosenberger.

First row—Lila Moon, Viola Amstutz, Evelyn Johnson, Lucia Grieser, Treva Arrants, Ellen Clark, Celia Amstutz.



### *Social Committee*

Coach Burcky, Frances Beckenbach, Bill Boorse, Miss Krebill.

Despite a limited membership the Thespian Dramatic Society completed a very active and successful season. It produced four one-act plays, as well as a Homecoming play, a Christmas play for chapel, and a program for College Church. The one-act play tournament among the classes of the college was sponsored by them. It is hoped that such a contest will become a custom and that it will continue to stimulate interest in dramatics and provide an outlet for creative expression among the students. The Society climaxed its activities by presenting a traditional Shakespearean play during the May Day festivities.

Striving to unify the college social activities and maintain the highest possible standards of ethical conduct, the College Social Committee has provided Saturday evening recreational opportunities and parties throughout the year. Among the most outstanding events sponsored by the committee were the Halloween Spook Party, Hobo Convention, Beaver Hut Housewarming, Taffy Pull, and the All-College Picnic. Serving on the committee were Miss Della Krehbill and Coach A. C. Burcky, faculty representatives; Holly Mosiman, William Boorse, Harold Thiessen, and Frances Beckenbach.



## *Juniors staged "Prexy and Son"*

"Prexy and Son" by Fred Eastman, was the popular drama presented by the Junior class on March 30 under the direction of Prof. P. W. Stauffer. The play was written for the seventy-fifth anniversary of Wooster College of which the author is an alumnus. It shows the typical small college, struggling with its financial burdens. Pres. Patton, portrayed by Ellis Guthrie, endeavors to keep the aims and ideals of the old school functioning despite the failure of his own son, Ted, played by Earl Lehman, to make good. Dr. Carey, popular young professor of psychology, (Robert Simcox) works out a plan with Mr. Grey, chairman of the board of trustees, played by Edmund Zehr, to turn the school into a vocational, job-centered institution. Patton emerges victorious and with the aid of his son, Ted, saves the school from financial ruin and from Dr. Carey's dangerous philosophy.

Royal Thomas, Viola Amstutz, Ellis Guthrie, Eula Locher, Helen Habegger, Gertrude Detwiler.



## *The Students' Choice for May Queen*



*Ruth Neuenschwander*

Ruth Neuenschwander, of Quakertown, Pa., voted May Queen by the students, held a prominent place in campus activities. In addition to her membership in many organizations she ably filled the positions of Home Economics Club president and vice-president of both Y. W. C. A. and House Council.

## *The Popular Man of the Campus*



*Herbert Fretz*

Herbert Fretz, prominent senior from Lansdale, Pa., was elected most popular man by the students. Active in most of the campus organizations, he held many responsible positions. In his senior year he served as president of both Men's Varsity "B" and Men's Gospel Team, and as a member of Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

## Clubs study World Problems



### International Club

Back row—Herbert Traucht, Otto Elmer, Adelaide McGinnis, David Rosenberger, Stan Hostetter, Evan Suter.

Front row—Lucille Medler, Ernst Harder, Mabel Hill, Donald Hester, Lucia Grieser.



### Peace Club

Back row—Ernst Harder, LaVonne Hostetter, Maynard Shelly, Arthur Theissen, Stan Hostetter, Eleanor Weaver, David Rosenberger.

2nd row—Griselda Gehman, Willadene Hartzler, Mary Locher, Phyllis Bachman, Glen Graber, Iona Gerber, Jean Yoder, Donna Hartzler.

Front row—Evan Suter, Ellwyn Hartzler, Lois Sommer, Professor Lantz, William Keeney, Ellis Guthrie, Frances Beckenbach.

The International Relations Club was organized for the purpose of stimulating interest and fostering a more comprehensive understanding and appreciation of present world affairs through monthly discussion meetings. In the past membership has been limited to fifteen, and freshmen were excluded; new members were voted in as vacancies arose. This year the club has been opened to all who have made application. This change was made for this year only as a trial because of the intense interest shown by so many students. The organization is sponsored by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation for International Peace which supplies the club with books and periodical literature on vital current problems. This material is also made available to non-members who are interested in studying contemporary problems.

Special emphasis has been placed in this year's Peace Action Club on the study of the spiritual basis of pacifism and also on work projects. Due to the interest in Civilian Public Service camps, Mennonite Central Committee work and relief projects, the activities of this organization have expanded during the year. The main project was beginning the MCC sewing room in the basement of Science Hall, where used clothing has been repaired and packed for shipment to the office in Akron, Pa. Included on the programs were discussions by various members of the faculty, F. O. R. representatives, CPS campers, and other speakers interested in the peace movement.



# 1943



LORA SCHULTZ  
YWCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
College Church 1, 2, 3, 4  
Church Work 1, 2, 3, 4  
Choral Society 3  
Orchestra 1, 2, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3, 4  
Junior Play 3  
Varsity B 4



LUCIA GRIESER  
YWCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
College Church 4  
Gospel Team 2, 3  
Thespians 1, 2, 3, 4  
Junior Play 3  
Witmarsum Staff 4  
International Club 4  
Advisory Cabinet 4



DONALD HESTER  
YMCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
College Church 1, 2, 3, 4  
Gospel Team 1  
Peace Club 4  
International Club 2, 3, 4  
Choral Society 4  
Witmarsum 4



HAROLD THIESSEN  
YMCA 1  
Gospel Team 1, 2, 3, 4  
Church Work 1, 2, 3, 4  
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 4  
Junior Play 3  
Advisory Cabinet 4  
Witmarsum Staff 3, 4



MAGDALENE OYER  
YWCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
Witmarsum Staff 2  
Ista Staff 3  
Student Council 2, 3  
Advisory Cabinet 4  
Orchestra 1  
Choral Society 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3, 4  
Who's Who in American  
Colleges and Universities 4



†DOROTHY BECKENBACH  
Witmarsum Staff 2  
Ista Staff 3  
Orchestra 3  
Vesper Choir 3, 4  
Thespians 2, 3  
Junior Play 3



ROBERT HEIKS  
YMCA 2, 4  
Ista Staff 3  
Choral Society 3, 4  
Varsity B 2, 3, 4  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
Baseball 1, 2  
Intramurals 2  
May Day Chairman 3



LYLE MESSNER  
YMCA 1, 2, 3  
College Church 1, 2, 3, 4  
Gospel Team 2, 3, 4  
Witmarsum Staff 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 3, 4  
Junior Play 3  
Intramurals 4

# 1943

## ESTHER MAE GEIGLEY

YWCA 1, 2  
College Church 1, 2, 3, 4  
Peace Club 4  
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4  
Honor Court 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 4  
Junior Play 3

## \*MARY ALICE HOWE

YWCA 1, 2, 4  
Witmarsum Staff 2  
Student Council 2, 4  
Orchestra 1, 2, 4  
Vesper Choir 2  
Varsity B 1, 2, 4  
Cheerleader 1, 2  
Who's Who in American  
Colleges and Universities 4  
Homecoming Queen 4  
Intramurals 1, 2, 4

## JAMES WELTY

YMCA 2  
College Church 2  
Witmarsum Staff 1, 3, 4  
Commerciars Club 2  
Choral Society 1, 2, 3  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3  
Intramurals 2, 3

## FLOYD HUGUS

YMCA 4  
Witmarsum Staff 3, 4  
Commerciars Club 2  
Choral Society 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 3, 4  
Commencement Play 1  
Football 2, 3, 4  
Intramurals 2, 3  
Varsity B 3, 4

## \*GRACE ADAMS

YWCA 1, 2  
College Church 2  
Gospel Team 1  
Student Council 4  
Home Economics Club 2, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 4  
Vesper Choir 4  
Varsity B 1, 2, 4  
Witmarsum 4

## \*ROYAL THOMAS

YMCA 1, 2, 4  
College Church 1, 2  
Gospel Team 1, 2  
Church Work 1, 4  
Student Council 1, 2, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 4  
Vesper Choir 2, 4  
Intramurals 1, 2, 4  
Who's Who in American  
Colleges and Universities 4  
Junior Play 4

## \*OTTO ELMER

YMCA 2, 4  
College Church 2  
International Club 2, 4  
Tennis 2, 4  
Football 4  
Varsity B 4  
Intramurals 4

## HERBERT TRAUCHT

International Club 3, 4  
Choral Society 3, 4  
Baseball 1, 2, 3  
Varsity B 4





# 1943



BETTYE LEWIS

YWCA 1, 2, 3  
Church Work 1, 2, 3, 4  
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3, 4  
Commencement Play 1



\*RUTH

NEUENSCHWANDER

YWCA 1, 2, 4  
Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 4  
Varsity B 1, 2, 4  
Intramurals 1, 2, 4  
May Queen 4



MARGARET SHELLEY

YWCA 1, 2  
College Church 1, 2, 3, 4  
Gospel Team 1, 2, 3, 4  
Student Council 3, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 4  
Thespians 1, 2  
Junior Play 3  
Witmarsum Staff 4  
Church Work 2, 3, 4



RUTH BURKHARD

YWCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
College Church 1, 3  
Gospel Team 1, 2  
Church Work 2, 3, 4  
Witmarsum 3  
Advisory Cabinet 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 3, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3, 4  
Junior Play 3



ADELAIDE MCGINNIS

Witmarsum Staff 3, 4  
Ista Staff 3  
Peace Club 4  
Junior Play 3  
International Club 4



SARA MOYER

YWCA 1, 4  
Church Work 1, 2, 3, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 4  
Vesper Choir 1, 2, 4  
Orchestra 4



MABEL HILL

YWCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
College Church 1, 2, 3  
Gospel Team 2  
Witmarsum Staff 4  
International Club 3, 4  
Choral Society 1, 2, 3, 4



LUCILLE MEDLER

YWCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
College Church 1  
Gospel Team 1, 2, 3  
Choral Society 4  
Orchestra 1, 2  
International Club 4



# 1943

## HERBERT FRETZ

YMCA 1, 2, 3, 4  
 College Church 1, 2, 3  
 Gospel Team 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Witmarsum 2, 3, 4  
 Ista Staff 3  
 Choral Society 2, 3, 4  
 Vesper Choir 3, 4  
 Varsity B 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Football 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Baseball 1  
 Track 1, 2  
 Debate 1, 2  
 Who's Who in American  
 Colleges and Universities 4

## JASON TRIPPLEHORN

YMCA 1, 4  
 College Church 4  
 Witmarsum Staff 4  
 International Club 3, 4  
 Choral Society 3, 4  
 Tennis 2, 3, 4  
 Intramurals 2, 4  
 Varsity B 4

## RICHARD MUMMA

YMCA 1, 4  
 Gospel Team 1, 4  
 Church Work 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Witmarsum Staff 4  
 International Club 4  
 Orchestra 1, 4  
 Peace Club 4

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 \* Completed work in 3 years

† Transfers

## †GLEN GRABER

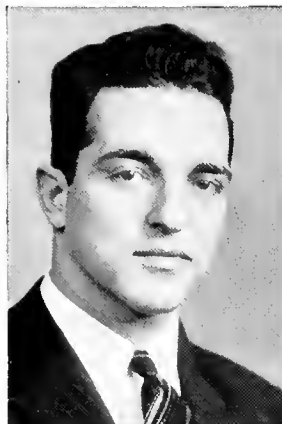
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 Witmarsum Staff 3  
 Peace Club 3  
 Choral Society 2, 4  
 Vesper Choir 2, 3, 4  
 Junior Play 3

## HERBERT OYER

YMCA 4  
 Gospel Team 1, 4  
 International Club 4  
 Vesper Choir 2, 4  
 Choral Society 4  
 Witmarsum Staff 4  
 Church Work 2, 3, 4

## PAUL SOLDNER

YMCA 1, 2  
 Gospel Team 1, 2, 3  
 Ista Staff 3  
 Orchestra 1, 2, 3  
 Vesper Choir 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Thespians 1, 2, 3  
 Junior Play 3  
 Commencement Play 1, 2, 3  
 Varsity B 3  
 Football 3, 4  
 Clean-up Day Chairman 3



## *Class of 1943*

Over eighty potential alumni entered Bluffton College in the fall of 1940. We survived the freshman initiation with nothing damaged except our pride and settled down to work in earnest. Harold Thiessen was elected president, and H. W. Berky was chosen as our faculty advisor.

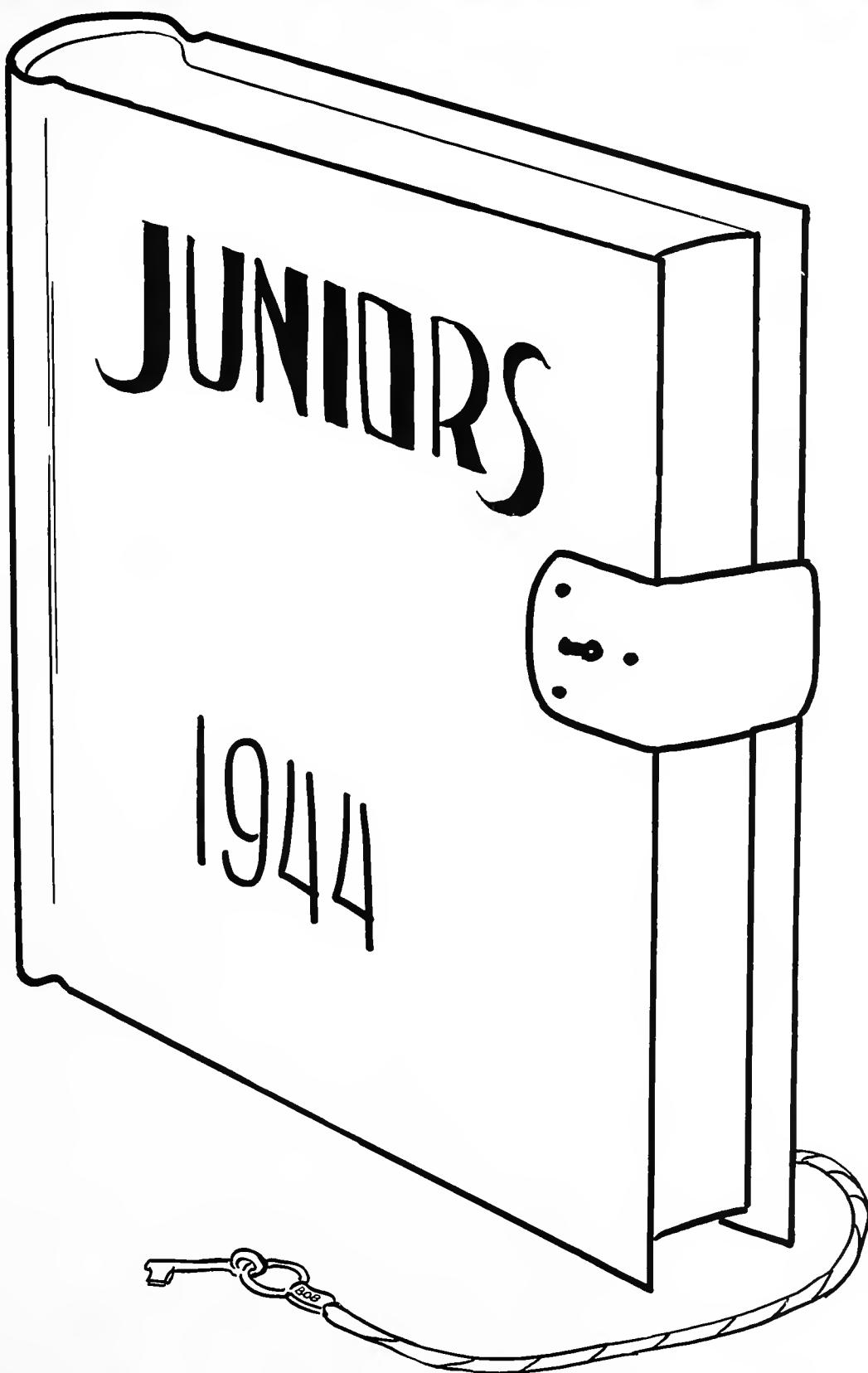
The next year we felt more at home on the campus and continued to take active part in campus organizations. We did our part in introducing the new freshmen to the customs and traditions of Bluffton. A formal, candle-light initiation service ended the temporary hostilities. Our president for this year was Ray Ramseyer.

In our third year we joined the ranks of the upperclassmen. We were ably led by Lloyd Hunsberger through a successful year marked by the production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town", a new Ista, and the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Seniors at last! After three years

filled to the brim with all kinds of activities we have achieved the dignified position of seniors. Events of the past few years have pared our class down to one-third its original size, and a number of our members completed their college work long before commencement time. We began our year under the leadership of Richard Mumma and ended it with Herbert Oyer as president, Herbert Traucht as vice-president, and Mabel Hill secretary-treasurer.

Through the years members of the Class of '43 have held prominent positions in the musical organizations, in the dramatic society, in the Student Council, on the staffs of the Witmarsum, in the "Y's", and in other religious and social activities. We have contributed our talents to Bluffton and Bluffton has taught us much. Now along with all the other alumni we say, "Hail to thee, dear Bluffton College."





Ellis Guthrie

Eleanor Berky

Edmund Zehr



Arthur Thiessen

Holly Mosiman

Ellwyn Hartzler



Ruth Zuiderhoek

Herbert Klassen

Robert Kerr

Mary Jane Mayberry

## *Class of 1944*

Helen Habegger

Eula Locher

Wanda Suter



Gertrude Detwiler

Otto Elmer

Viola Amstutz



Robert Simcox

Grace Geissinger

Robert Blough



Earl Lehman

Ellen Clark

William Boorse



## *History of Class of '44*

Sixty-seven green freshmen invaded the Bluffton campus in September, 1941, only to find out just how insignificant they were. Sophisticated sophomores promptly and efficiently put us in our places, and lest we forget our lowly position, administered the usual initiation. Man-power must have been lacking in our ranks for we lost the annual tug-o'-war and the green caps remained on our heads till Thanksgiving. Late in the year we elected Arthur Thiessen class president and selected our popular Coach Burcky to advise us throughout our college career.

Returning last year as sophomores, we proceeded to show our authority over the newest crop of freshmen. Our class pride was severely damaged when they retaliated by pulling us through the Riley, and we began once more to behave like human beings instead of snobs. Our dramatic ability displayed itself this year when we won second place in the one-act play contest. Class president for the year was Harold Lehman.

Arriving on the campus as Juniors, we

noted with astonishment the size of the class. Of the sixty-seven enthusiastic freshmen, only sixteen loyal juniors remain, carrying on the regular activities.

In spite of our limited numbers, we entered with spirit into the year's activities. Our dramatic ability once more gave us second place in the one-act play contest. By enlistment, draft, and persuasion, we finally assembled a junior play cast and produced a very successful play, "Prexy and Son'. War limitations notwithstanding, we managed to keep up the tradition and publish another Ista. Our eventful year was closed with the annual Junior-Senior banquet.

The officers who guided us so successfully through this year were Arthur Thiessen, president; Bob Simcox, vice-president; Holly Mosiman, secretary; and Grace Geissinger, treasurer.

Thus we leave behind three glorious years at Bluffton. We look forward with mingled joy and sadness to our final year before stepping out to make our place in the world.



## *The Sophomore Class of Small Numbers*



Betty Steinman, Eugene Kohli, William Keeney, Ernst Harder, Richard Berky, Treva Arrants,  
Trella Bosserman, Esther Habegger, Eleanor Weaver, Donna Diegel, Lois Sommer, Frances Beckenbach.

Enthusiastic and unsuspecting we, the Class of '45, also entered the portals of Bluffton College as a group of hopeful youth only to find ourselves subjected at once to a period of seemingly traditional humiliation and abuse. But through the physical prowess of our worthy "male element", we freed ourselves from our servile bands by conquering the "sophs" in the annual contest of strength on Homecoming Day. Then, turning our efforts toward things more profound, we began to concentrate our attention more largely upon achievement in the intellectual and social activities of college life. Late in the year we chose Lysle Sommers as our class president, and Prof. Stauffer as class advisor.

The fall of '42 found us returning to Bluffton eager to claim the distinction and elevation accompanying the name "sophomore". Although we suffered a considerable decrease of membership—especially of our masculine colleagues—we nobly resolved to make "quality rather than quantity" our motto.

# 1945



## *and Large Aspirations*



Evelyn Johnson, Lysle Sommers, Fred Soldner, Arthur Spicgel, Arthur Keiser, Evan Suter, Wilma Mumma.  
Helen Arters, Donna Hartzler, Phyllis Bachman, Martha Snyder, Nancy Mayberry, Annaruth Mullet.

Since the task of exercising the necessary measures for subdual of the new and obstreperous freshmen seemed to fall upon us, we tried to perform this duty with the proper sense of competency and dignity. Although far outnumbered as a class by these newcomers, the "sophs" won the rather unusually distinct honor of being, for a second time, victorious in the freshman-sophomore tug o' war, thus proving that superiority may pervade in the minority.

In scholastic, esthetics, and religious endeavors the sophomores have held their own. The officers who guided us through our sophomore year were: Ernst Harder, president; William Keeney, vice-president; Eleanor Weaver, secretary; and Donna Hartzler, treasurer.

And now it is with a sense of triumph but a tinge of regret that we realize our arrival at the half-way mark in our course. Satisfied with what we have done, but regretful of what we have left undone, we look to the future determined to approach more nearly our lofty ideals and to impress more firmly upon the pages of Bluffton College history the distinct and indelible mark of the Class of '45.

# 1945



## *A Sophomore Writes*

### *Opportunities of a Sophomore*

*Lois Sommer*

There was a difference when we returned to Bluffton in our Sophomore year. Friends were here to greet us; and we were here to greet the Frosh and new-comers. Remembering our first year, we were eager to help those new students get acquainted with our college. The responsibility had now been shifted upon us and we carried on, few in quantity but with a quality of spirit comparable to that of the highest ideals of Bluffton. We felt it our duty to stir to action or create such a spirit and such ideals in these new friends, so we were anxious to welcome them as fellow-students of Bluffton.

With the addition of the sophisticated sounding title of Sophomores, we acquired the honor of initiating the freshmen and for the second time dragged our opponents through the miry waters of the Riley. Perhaps we seemed a heartless class to the innocent "freshies" until we returned to our true selves and concluded the initiation ceremonies with the impressive candle-light service. From then on we turned our efforts again to constructive things. As upperclassmen left the campus throughout the year, our class members stepped into their places of leadership and our class assumed more responsibilities as a vital part of the student body.

Now, having finished our second year, we again leave, realizing that we have reached the half-way mark of our college adventure, but determined to make the last half even more ideal than the former two years.



## *Freshmen Seemed to be Everywhere*



Back row—Paul Klassen, James Fett, Stanley Hostetter, Kenneth Basinger, Daniel Hofstetter,  
2nd row—Willadene Hartzler, Eleanor Keeney, Gwendolyn Bidwell, Hildred Eversole, Robert Marshall, Henry Gettinger, Beryl Grubaugh, Howard Baumgartner, Norman Beidler, Vera Esch, Griselda Gehman, Iona Gerber, Lila Moon.  
1st row—Evelyn Moyer, Lettie Ann Landis, Carolyn Moyer, Donna Bassit, Celia Amstutz, Mary Locher, LaVonne Hostetler.

September 18, 1942, saw fifty bright faced and eager eyed freshmen descend upon the Bluffton College campus ready to conquer the world and Bluffton College at the same time. A few days later saw the bloom fade from their cheeks and a decidedly green tinge cover the disillusioned fifty. It seemed that freshman just "weren't". They were merely green "nobodies" to be reminded of their low status at all times. And there were several very potent reminders; the least of these was not the 6:00 A. M. walk in the cemetery, nor the unbecoming red question marks worn on the foreheads. Then came the small green hats which every Freshman grew to love. They loved them so much that they ducked wearing them whenever possible, until the almighty sophomores started ruling with an iron hand.

In the late fall hostilities were suspended long enough for a freshman-sophomore hayride. This was much enjoyed by all, and the freshmen had to admit that the sophomores really were "good eggs" after all.

# 1946

## *Because of Their Greater Numbers*

The "frosh" soon began to win their rightful places as important members of the B. C. student body. Especially in athletics did they excel. What with five regulars on the Beaver "eleven" and four regular "loopsmen" they deserve not a little credit. The girls also held their own in the athletic line by winning the intramural basketball tournament.

Late in the year we chose our class officers. Norman Beidler served as president and Stan Hostetter as vice-president, with Vera Esch secretary and David Rosenberger as treasurer. Mr. Hilty was elected class advisor.

The unusual versatility of the Class of '46 is most evident. The music department and Vesper Choir have gained many new talented members. The journalists of the class have contributed valuable services to the Witmarsum staff. Nor is the class lacking in dramatic ability which is shown by their activities in the Thespian Society.

Truly the "frosh" can hold their heads high in the knowledge that they are making definite contributions to Bluffton College. The Class of '46 made a great start; now watch them march onward to their goal!

# 1946

Back row—David Weaver, Paul Sauder, Merlin Zeurcher, Warren Sites.

2nd row—Freda Yoder, David Rosenberger, James Rinner, Ben Rider, Charles Scheidler, Marvin Wasser, Ruth Schertz.

1st row—Watson Skinner, Ruby Lee Strusaker, Margery Niswander, Mary K. Ramseyer, Vivian Zeurcher, Jean Yoder, Maynard Shelly.

Not on the Picture: Pearl Sommer, Kenneth Geiger.





## *A Freshman's Contribution to Rhetoric*

David Weaver

"Tippy"

David Rosenberger

### *Preparing and Studying Assignments in High School & College*

There is a marked difference between preparing assignments in high school and in college. In college, all the classes of a particular student do not meet every day, as in high school. Instead of a daily schedule as found in high school, the college student is more on a weekly basis where no two daily schedules are exactly alike, but each week is identical, however. This difference in schedules makes necessary a change in study habits. Formerly the assignments had to be prepared for each course every day, but in college it is only necessary to prepare for the courses that meet on a particular day as only two or three generally occur on any single day. Hours for study are not set aside for one as in high school where every student must arrive at school at a certain hour and remain for definite hours during which time he attends classes and does his studying for the next day.

In college, a student is more or less free to move about as he pleases. He comes when he has a class, and is free to leave again after that class if he has no class in the period following. He is usually unable to complete his preparation during the free periods he has in a day, and must spend much more time studying in the evening than in high school days. Every minute that is set aside for study must be devoted to steady concentration so that one gets the most out of the comparatively little time.

The average student in college must work for financial aid to continue his education. This takes up a considerable amount of time that the high school student does not have occupied. This added responsibility requires a closer budgeting of time to find time for study, while the high school student has not such worries unless he is very active in extra-curricular organizations. It will probably take some time to become accustomed to this difference; some will adjust quickly, but others will have difficulty.

# The 1943 Calendar

## JANUARY (Cont.)

- 25 Bob Blough leaves for service.
- 26 Home game with Northern who conquers Bluffton five by 80-55 score.
- 28 Chaldean speaker in chapel. "It's the truth."
- 29 Annual faculty-students reception in the Muselman library.
- 30 Kenyon tops Burckymen in "barn". Coach shows films of Ohio State football game.
- 31 Tea in Ropp Hall lobby for Mrs. S. K. Mosiman's birthday celebration.

## FEBRUARY

- 3 Home Ec. Valentine party. Hearts and sweethearts present.
- 5 County Supt. of Schools speaks in chapel. Upperclass girls win thriller from "sophs".
- 6 Basketball team at Kenyon but lose because of bad first half.
- 8 Men's Gospel Team returns from Indiana trip. Simcox breaks finger in practice.
- 9 First Aid course begins. Oilers down Bluffton cagemen, 87-51.
- 10 Rev. Smucker starts series of Wednesday chapel talks on the Sermon on the Mount. Sweetheart sisters have party.
- 13 Defiance basketeers visit us and carry off 83-51 win.
- 14 Dr. Morgan speaks about the small community in Vespers.
- 15 Music students again perform in recital.
- 17 Basketball season ends with B. C. on the short end against Findlay.
- 18 Boys serenade girls. Everyone assessed 25 cents for Beaver hut.
- 20 Open House at Lincoln Hall. Rubber chocolates add to fun.
- 22 Coach Burcky entertains football and basketball squads.
- 23 Virginia Pemberton, "lovely soprano of opera fame", presents concert. Only surpassed by Mademoiselle Fretz.
- 25 Don Cossacks attract many to Findlay.
- 27 Taffy pull in dining hall. All stuck up.
- 28 Vesper Choir begins concert series at Rawson.

## MARCH

- 2 WSSF drive nets good results. Gladys Swarthout thrills Lima audience.
- 3 Juniors begin play practice.
- 6 Dotty Beckenbach leads Seniors to first place in one-act play contest.
- 7 Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, colored soprano, gave very inspiring Vesper Service.
- 9 Mary Howe explains new activity program.
- 11 Box Simcox leads discussion in Men's Gospel Team meeting.
- 13 House-warming opens Beaver Hut. Enthusiastic response. Remember to make it positive and not zero or negative.
- 14 Girl's Gospel Team presents play in church.
- 16 Student body votes to adopt new S. C. A.
- 18 Miss Ramseyer speaks on Mexico in Peace Club.
- 19 Check-up on culture for Seniors and "Sophs". Vesper Choir at Salem High school. Misses E. Oyer and M. Steiner entertain group.

- 20 Students, faculty and friends shocked at death of Harold Twining, ex. '44.
- 22 Joint Varsity "B" party in Beaver Hut.
- 23 Neuty elected May Queen.
- 24 Geneva Banquet for all students. Announcement of new S. C. A. officers.
- 26 Some real talent revealed in YW contest.
- 28 Girl's Gospel Team gives evening service in the First Mennonite Church.
- 29 Spring is here. Baseball begins for fifteen.
- 30 Junior class presents "Prexy and Son". E. Guthrie and E. Lehman show real ability.

## APRIL

- 2 Booster Banquet attracts over 300. Lieut. Gov. Herbert speaks on future of small colleges.
- 3 Chili and games at Freda Yoder's.
- 4 Choir concert at Brethren Church in Bath township.
- 7 Sociology and psychology students visit the Lima State Criminal Insane Hospital.
- \*0 Internat'l party visits several countries.
- 13 Board members see "Prexy and Son".
- 16 Dr. Ramseyer entertains seniors in home.
- 17 Open House at Ropp Hall.
- 20 Backslappers triumph over Bushwhackers. Choir presents "Seven Last Words of Christ".
- 26 Classes resumed after Easter vacation.
- 27 Comprehensives for Seniors. Dr. Watson lectures in chapel. "Punkin" Tway and wife here.
- 28 Students rule campus for a day. Mints!
- 29 Clean-up Day a success after long wait.

## MAY

- 4 Sociology students visit Columbus institutions.
- 6 S. C. A. retreat to plan for next year.
- 7 Ruth Burkhard opens senior recital series.
- 8 All-college picnic and ball game with B. G.
- 11 Home Ec. style show. Queen Helen Habegger reigns during activities.
- 13 Double-header ball game with Toledo. College picnic.
- 14 Sara Moyer in second of senior recitals.
- 15 Juniors entertain Seniors at Banquet.
- 17 Bettye Lewis' recital concludes piano majors.
- 18 Harold Thiessen writes finis to a year of practicing by his violin recital.
- 19-21 Semester exams.
- 21 The A Capella choir presents "The Rose Maiden".
- 22 Women's and Men's Varsity "B" breakfasts. Pi Delta group dines in Walnut Grill. Ruth Neuenschwander crowned in May Day festivities. Alumni Banquet in Ropp Hall. Thespians present "The Merchant of Venice".
- 23 Baccalaureate services in Ramseyer Chapel. Reception at President's home. Vesper Choir gives final concert in First Mennonite church.
- 24 Commencement exercises—Dr. Ernest Miller, President of Goshen College, is speaker. Seniors tread the last mile of college life. Good Luck!

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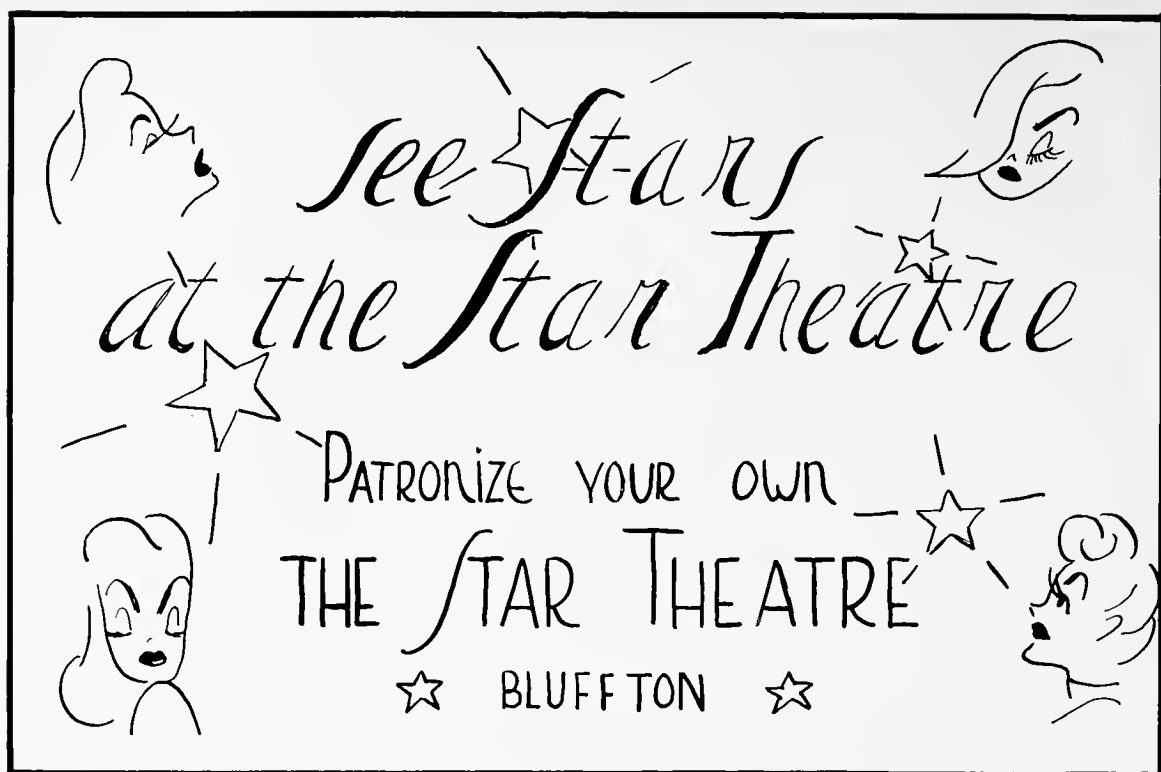
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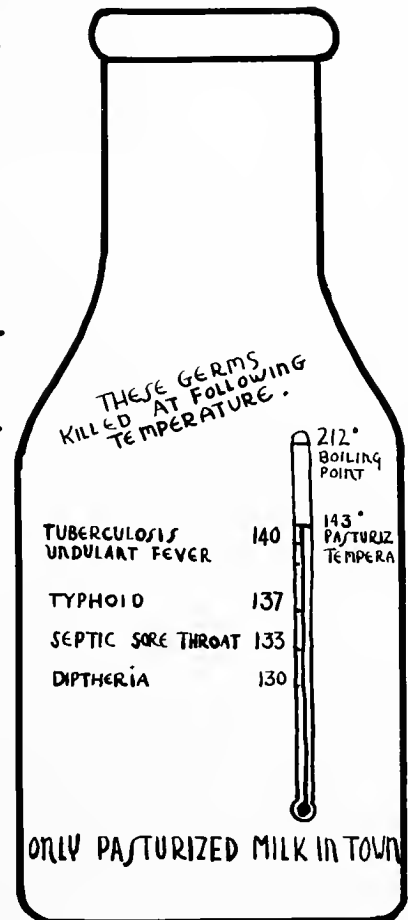
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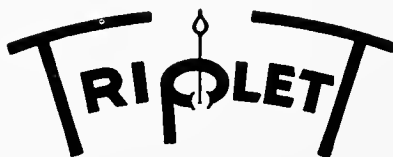
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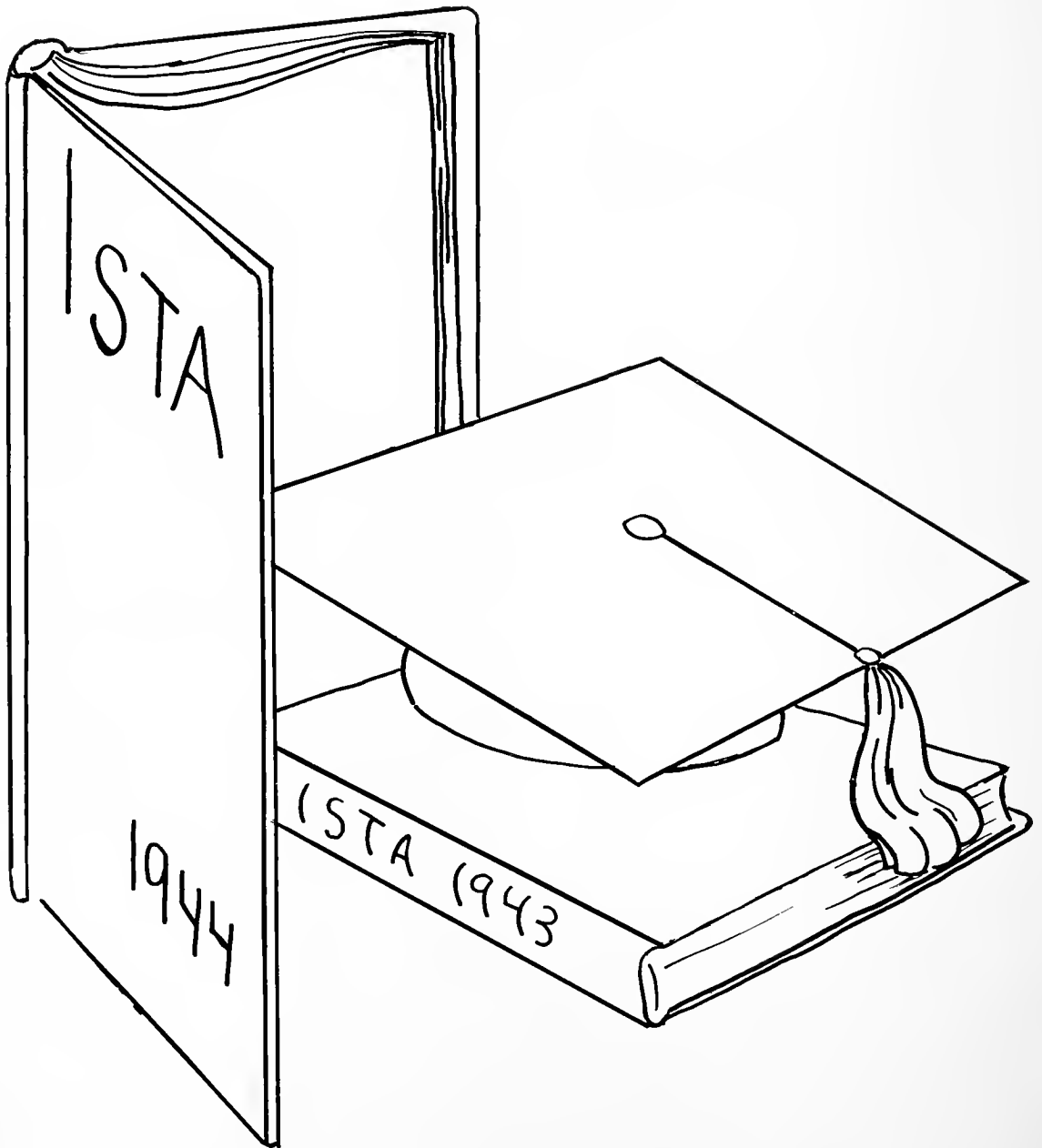
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